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Shopping Center Approval Affirms The Dignity Of Community Residents

It was not an ordinary night, and quite an extraordinary sight as men, women and children streamed into City Hall and into the Council Chambers filling them to overflowing with about 500 people. The Newark Board of Adjustment was meeting on the issue of a New Shopping Center in the Central Ward — the first in 20 years.

There were citizens in wheelchairs, on canes and crutches. Children spilled over from their balcony perch into the main area, watching intently, holding posters high. The audience looked like a sea of NCC buttons. The

were known by the neighborhood residents gave the area a built in security, for nothing that went on escaped notice since the streets were crowded with people who knew one another and shared their lives as they walked to and from the shopping areas.

One senior resident sadly remarked to Georgia after the meeting, "It made my eyes fill with tears to hear you remember Newark as it once was."

Newark is a place which has provided roots for many people still living in the Central Ward. Today however,

"It's as if your hometown has been destroyed before your eyes and people tell you you're not important enough for them to do anything about it," said Ms. Ransome later, in talking of the struggle residents have endured so far trying to gain approval for the new shopping area. "It's not important that you lead a decent life...that you stay here," she said angrily, "but if someone with more money comes here (referring to the new high income condos) then it's worth the effort to make the city come back." It certainly leaves one with a sad reflection of one's worth.

"Legislation and everything else works in the interest of the highest bidder," in the view of this Central Ward resident.

"However on October 14th, justice and human dignity won out," continued Ms. Ransome. "The commissioners for the Board of Adjustment voted unanimously that we not only needed but deserved the right to have walking access to a supermarket."

This could have a tremendous impact on the quality of life in the neighborhood. It will also restore the "family" aspect which has long been denied and which was once so important to the well-being of residents here.

Raymond Saks, a realtor for 40 years verified that other than the presence of objectors' businesses the block to contain the supermarket was absent of any improvements. He felt the proposed shopping center would

materially help the neighborhood and increase the market value of real estate.

Robert Cotter, an urban planner for the city of Orange and a licensed pro-



Community leader Joe Chaney-field hears the good news.

fessional planner for the State of New Jersey was called as an expert witness. He confirmed that residents had miles to go for a good price for goods such as at a shopping center, normal for the suburbs, covering one acre or up the fact that with less income, the Central Ward residents actually pay a greater percentage toward food, toiletries, etc. than their suburban counterparts.

As cities began, the marketplace
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Residents pack City Council Chambers awaiting shopping center decision as lawyers address Newark Board of Adjustment.

atmosphere was tense and quiet, for the matter under review that night would have a tremendous effect on the daily life of each person there.

As Georgia Ransome spoke for the community to tell of its need for such a shopping center, bursts of applause filled the chamber. So too with long time resident Roberta Singletary who spoke with bitter resignation of having to pay a dollar for a roll of toilet paper from a street vendor because of the lack of a nearby store. The area is comprised of low and moderate income residents who can least afford the exorbitant prices of these mobile "convenience" stores. To purchase a book, a birthday card or drop off cleaning requires a car ride or bus ride for these limited income people.

The two described the area as it was when they were growing up — with five supermarkets within a five block radius, and bakeries and butcher shops whose owners knew the customers by name. The fact that you

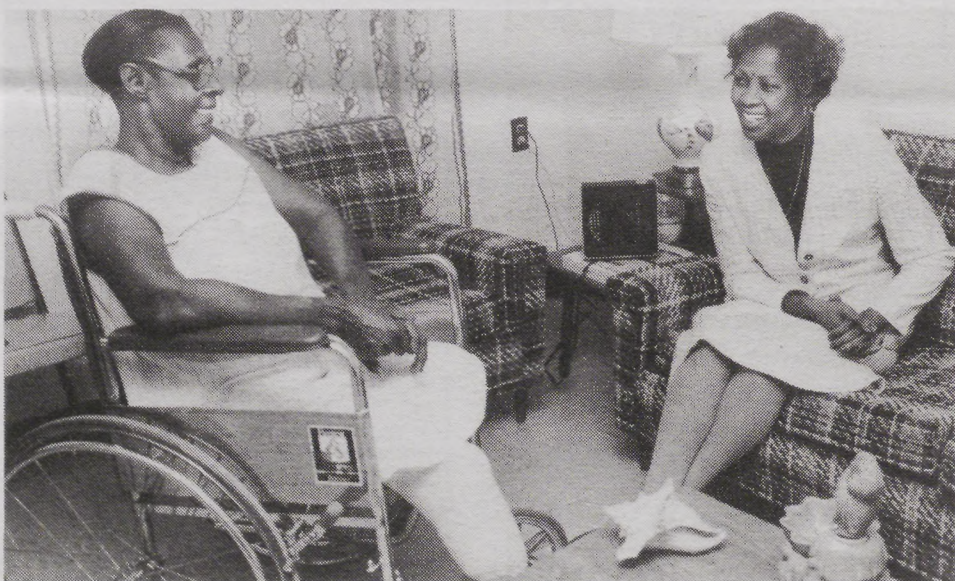
When Mrs. Jackson opened the door of her apartment at NC Douglas the smell of fried chicken and cabbage was a refreshing greeting.

I walked in and commented on how good it smelled, and her reply was a proud "I can cook now," accompanied by a big smile. Grace had towels and pillow cases folded on her lap and was placing them in her linen closet.

Mrs. Jackson's story was brought to light in The Clarion's May '87 issue. Her plight was housing, similar to many people living in Newark's vast city. However, Mrs. Jackson was burdened with some special problems — she was a double amputee who had been burned out of her home in February of this year. She had been housed in the Lincoln Motel for emergency temporary housing and although she had searched for three

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We Try To Wipe Away The Tears



New NCC resident Grace Jackson hosts Madge Wilson (R) in her comfortable apartment especially designed to accommodate the handicapped dweller.

NCC Employment Center



Haitian Employment Project Underway

Thanks to a grant by the United Way of Essex and West Hudson, the Haitian community has gained a new resource to use in their search for work.

The Haitian Employment Project, established by NCC Employment Center in September, offers no-fee employment-related services to people from the Haitian community.

The counselor identifies an applicant's marketable skills and coaches

ly effective at helping Haitian people find work. The extensive contacts among local employers and the growing expertise of our staff, give the Haitian Employment Project a big head start.

People who'd like to meet with a counselor should call Ms. Cevilla Cival for an appointment at (201) 643-3828.

Jobs For Youth

"I love it. It gives me a chance to meet different people and to watch their ideas grow," said Stanley Porteur referring to his position as an employment counselor with New Community Corporation Employment Center.

Stanley, who joined our staff in June, began as a General Employment Counselor working with adult job seekers. "I enjoyed that position," he said, "because I was able to help a lot of people realize that they had untapped potential. By encouraging people to make changes in their lives, such as getting further education, I was able to open up many new possibilities for them, and that's very satisfying."

Stanley has since been re-assigned as the Youth Employment Counselor and works exclusively with job seekers between 16 and 18 years old, helping them to find employment.

"The major difference I see between younger and older job seekers," said Stanley, "is that many of the youth have accepted their limited capacity to demand high wages and are therefore more realistic. It's much harder for adults, who carry significant responsibilities, to accept a low salary, though they may have no more work experience than a typical youngster."

"What all job seekers need to understand is that work experience weighs heavily in an employer's decision to hire. This is why we always encourage people to keep a job at least six months so they can demonstrate their knowledge and dependability to future employers."

Stanley's own work experience shows his concern for people and determination to provide service to those in need. He began his career as a high school teacher and from that moved into community service. For close to ten years he worked with Community Information Referral Services (CIRS), as a Career Development Officer and Associate Director. Among other things, CIRS developed a pre-trial diversionary program for the city of Newark. The program assisted first offenders to find jobs



Stanley Porteur

and then helped to have criminal charges dismissed. CIRS also provided training and placement services for ex-offenders.

Stanley has owned and operated his own retail establishment and brings a wealth of experience to New Community.

He now shares that experience with young people who often need a clear view of their options. "I find many young people do not understand that opportunities for youth are somewhat limited. We have been able to place high school age workers as cashiers or stock clerks in department and grocery stores, as ticketers in factories and as fast food workers. Though many young people are reluctant to take positions in the fast food industry, because they are unwilling to cope with the sometimes overbear-

ing attitudes of customers, I try to point out that fast food experience is a good introduction to the world of work. Young people can gain a sense of responsibility and demonstrate to potential employers their maturity, ability to take directions, deal with the public and so on — besides, the hours are flexible and meet the needs of many students.

"While many fast food employers are quite considerate of the needs and limitations of young workers, they are now being persuaded to hire more senior citizens. Older adults show that they're dependable, punctual and don't mind doing the work," he said.

Stanley's broad experience is now being used to assist young people, many of whom lack a clear sense of direction and view of the world. His enthusiasm will go a long way toward putting local people to work, and we welcome him to the staff.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

New Community Corporation Employment Center is a non-profit, no-fee employment service for the people and employers of the metropolitan area. If you'd like to reduce your advertising expense and interviewing time, let us know of your job openings. If you need help finding a job — or a better job — just call for an appointment. Employers and job seekers may reach us at (201) 643-3828.



Cevilla Cival

on how to complete applications, interview effectively, dress, etc. Appointments are made with local employers for job interviews. In our General Employment Project, two-thirds of the people we see are placed in jobs after these interviews.

Providing services are Mike Jackson and Cevilla Cival. Cevilla, who just joined our staff, speaks both English and Creole and will work closely with job seekers that do not speak English. Mike Jackson was, until recently, the Youth Employment Counselor. Mike is now directing the Haitian Employment Project and continues to manage our office at 15 Hill Street.

Our Hispanic Employment Project has been very successful and it is expected that this Project will be equal-

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If you would like more information, please contact the Development Office at (201) 623-2800 ext. 206.

Distinguished Visitors To St. Joseph Plaza



N.J. Community Affairs Commissioner Leonard Coleman tries out the Spa's Life Cycle as (L-R) Louis Giordano, Connie Woodruff, and Jeffrey Maas lend their support.



At a meeting of "Newark" Mayors nationwide, Mayor Dave Smith of Newark, Ca. (R) had heard so much about New Jersey's Newark from Mayor Sharpe James (L) that he came to see for himself. A highlight was a visit to St. Joseph Plaza.

Shopping Center Approval Brings Joy...

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was usually the center of the city, and the decline of shopping went along with the decline of the neighborhood. Since New Community has now brought new housing to the area, it is also appropriate to have new shopping facilities, Cotter stated.

A licensed architect, John Sweeney from Bomad, Inc. presented the board with a rendering of the proposed facility and details pertinent to his

The store would typically be open 24 hours a day to serve the community but this might vary according to need. Carmen Rodriguez, attorney for NCC said in summarizing, "These people have to go out of their way every day of their lives for the daily necessity of food. I think they are concerned citizens, committed to Newark. They are not going to leave. They are finally going to get the supermarket they deserve."



Commissioner William T. Johnson (3rd from left) delivers an eloquent speech in favor of the shopping center.

area of expertise. The operation of the supermarket was explained by Michael Zimring, Director of Planning for Supermarkets General. It is unique and being tried for the first time in New Jersey. NCC would develop the site and be landlord. The supermarket would be co-owned and operated with two-thirds belonging to NCC and one-third to Pathmark. They would co-sign a management agreement and operating agreement. The majority ownership would be in the community and it would be operated by the community.

The vote was unanimously in favor of the new supermarket, but before ruling on the decision, Commissioner William T. Johnson took a moment out to congratulate Ms. Rodriguez on the well-prepared presentation of her case and witnesses to the Board of Adjustment. He called attention to the fact that he had had many attorneys come before him but felt obliged to comment on the excellent presentation made that evening. He went on to state that he felt the ruling that night was a part of history for Newark and he felt proud to be a part of it.

A note of jubilation prevailed when the vote was announced and the crowd could not be contained. It was an emotional time — people hugged and kissed and laughed and cried at the news.

Next step is the settling of the financial framework, but with local financing for such an obviously positive project here in Newark, it would seem highly unlikely that there would be a problem.

When that is in place, the long-awaited ground breaking will be scheduled. It will certainly be a highlight in the lives of the 5,000 eager residents who will benefit.



Roberta Singletary



(L-R) Mark Van Wagner, Georgia Ransome, Joe Chaneyfield, and Frances Dudley share an emotional moment at evening's end.



Well-behaved NCC youngsters fill the balcony to overflowing.



A jubilant crowd files out of the Council Chamber.



Attentive NCC seniors follow the proceedings closely.

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Leadership Training Group Tours NCC

The Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce brought its Leadership Training Institute to New Community Corporation (NCC) for a 3½ hour lecture and tour of the NCC network.

The leadership group, selected by the corporate and organization members of the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce, visited NCC facilities, including Babyland, Extended Health Care Facility, housing and the site of the proposed \$10 million shopping center on Bergen Street and South Orange Avenue.

Raymond Codey, Director of Development, traced NCC's 19-year history, from its beginning with a \$100,000 grant to its role today as the largest non-profit housing corporation in the state with total assets of \$200 million. Its network includes 2,265 apartments, three Babyland daycare centers, health and employ-

ment services and a credit union.

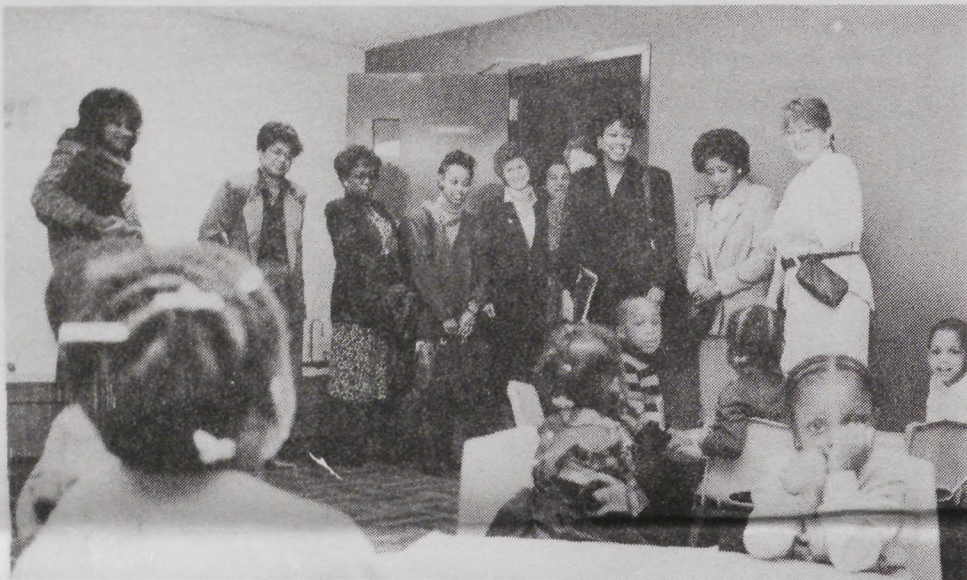
The Leadership Institute began and ended its session at the Conference Center at St. Joseph's Plaza, where participants had a close look at the Priory Restaurant, the Sandwich Shop and the New Beginnings Spa and Wellness Center.

The Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce conducts the 8-week Institute to introduce the corporate side of Newark to the community side, according to Florence L. Demming, vice-president for small business. By bringing the two together on a personal basis the Chamber seeks to encourage successful working relationships for the benefit of everyone in Newark.

Carol DeSenne, vice-president of Delfon Recording Society, chaired the Institute session.



Leadership group surrounds Ray Codey outside St. Joseph Plaza.



Babylanders charm the Chamber of Commerce visitors.

Cornell Students Study Urban Housing



Visitors from Cornell University dine at St. Joseph Plaza prior to touring the NCC Condos and other housing sites.

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Outstanding Restaurant Employee

James Royster from the Food and Beverage Department of the Priory Restaurant and the Sandwich Shop was chosen Outstanding Employee for the month of October.

Mr. Royster was chosen by the selection committee for the following attributes: (1) Excellent attendance and punctuality; (2) consistent hard-work; (3) acceptance of responsibility and (4) extreme cooperation.

He has worked with N.C.C. since

March 1987. Prior to coming James served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, and saw active service in Vietnam as a paratrooper. He retired as a Sergeant-Major. The designee also worked with AT&T and General Electric.

He is the proud father of 10 children and hopes to have many more.

James takes pride in working for N.C.C. "because this corporation's main objective is to improve Newark and the community."



James Royster gets hearty congratulations from NCC Board member Mary Smith, as restaurant manager S. Natesan looks on.

Award Given To Sister Clare For Family Violence Work



Recently Sr. Clare Elton, S.S.J., Director of the Essex County Shelter for Battered Women, was named Woman of the Year by the Suburban Essex Business and Professional Women's Association.

The group's timing of this award was excellent, because October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the U.N. has declared 1987 to be The International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

In conferring this award, the club considers each candidate's achievements and contributions to the social and civic community. They strive to give recognition to women who have helped other women. Sr. Clare easily fills these conditions.

Babyland Nursery Inc. sponsors the Essex County Family Violence Program, which will celebrate its ninth anniversary in January. Sr. Clare has been Coordinator of the shelter for women and their children for five years.

The newly renovated space has beds for forty-two women and children. Average stay for clients is almost three weeks. They come, not only from Newark and the surrounding areas, but from all over. People have transferred in from as far away as Puerto Rico.

In addition to the shelter, The Family Violence Program operates an Outreach Center in Caldwell, New Jersey.

The shelter itself goes far beyond simply meeting that basic need. Individual and group counseling is available, as is advocacy with other agencies, such as schools, hospitals

and the police department in behalf of the clients.

There is a therapeutic activities program for the children. A school psychologist is a part-time staff member, and the volunteers who work with the children are specially trained.

The shelter staff does significant outreach in terms of community education. They worked to familiarize the Department of Youth and Family Services with the repercussions of family violence.

The New Jersey Division on Women invited Sr. Clare to participate in a State-wide Education Program on Domestic Violence for Clergy of all denominations.

Sr. Clare hopes that being singled out for this award will call attention to the tragic problem of family violence in our society. In this country, 6 million people are abused by their partners each year, and one of every four homicides is committed in this context.

Every 18 seconds, someone in the US is battered...about 3 since you've been reading this article.

According to Sr. Clare, the attack on the problem of domestic violence has remained at the crisis intervention level for too long. The need is to put greater effort into prevention.

If you feel inclined to do something to observe Family Violence Month, or The Year of Shelter For The Homeless, the Essex County Shelter can put your time and/or money to good use. Also, personal items such as shampoo, soap, and toothpaste will always be gratefully received.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett

Mrs. Jackson Finds Home...

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months she had not been able to obtain suitable housing.

Evelyn Green from the Mayor's Office of Citizens Services took a special interest in Mrs. Jackson's plight and with Dolores Henry approached New Community regarding her situation.

Today Mrs. Jackson does not reside in a building where all the fire doors are locked and there are no wheelchair ramps. She does not have to sit in front of steps hoping that someone will come by and lift her wheelchair up so that she can roll herself outside.

Today Grace lives in an apartment designed to accommodate wheelchair bound individuals. She is able to go in and out of her building at leisure. She has even gone to Atlantic City

thanks to the activities program in her building and has acquired new friends.

When you look at Newark and its Renaissance, how wonderful it is to provide housing for people with enough purchasing power to afford beautiful \$100,000 homes, but we must never forget there are still Grace Jacksons in our city. For people like her, with a heavier burden than most and very special needs there will always be New Community, caring about those who also deserve decent yet affordable housing.

So when you see hundreds of NCC buttons in public meetings, you know why we're there. We see the tears, and turn them into smiles.

Georgia Ransome



Grace Jackson, center, revels in the company of good friends in her new surroundings.

Babyland Assesses NCC Computer

Recently two employees at Babyland's administrative offices have received computer terminals that allow them direct access to the NCC Main Computer at St. Joseph Plaza. Utilizing communication equipment and a data line, financial information can be entered and viewed instantaneously from an office miles away from the computer site.

Shelia Lewis, Manager of Finances and Maria Morralas, Jr. Accountant have both recently received the terminals. Both are enjoying the

benefits of having direct access to the information they need to perform their jobs effectively. Direct access insures that the information they obtain is the most current information available. It also allows them to view selective information on an as need basis, reducing the amount of time spent sorting through files or reports.

Within a few hours of installation information was speeding through the data line, connecting an office on one end of the city to a computer on the other end of the city.

THE CHEF'S CORNER

Holidays are here again! And that means Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings. Tired of the usual macaroni & cheese? Here's a welcome change.

SPAGHETTI ALA PUTTANESCA

1/4 cup olive oil
4 large cloves garlic, minced
32 black pitted olives, sliced
3 anchovy fillets, chopped
2 cups chicken broth
salt & pepper to taste
3 or 4 leaves of fresh oregano
1 lb. spaghetti - cooked al dente

In a large skillet, heat oil, brown garlic to a pale gold color. Add remaining ingredients (except spaghetti) & simmer 5-6 minutes until sauce



RODRIGUEZ
JOE

is thickened. Drain spaghetti, return to kettle, set over direct heat & add half of the sauce. Simmer 1-2 minutes. Serve on heated plates, topping each serving with a spoonful of the remaining sauce.

RON APPETIT!!



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Call Babyland's Essex County Family Violence Project at 484-4446. In the Caldwell area, call **PEACE** at 226-6166.

NOW THERE IS HELP FOR YOU!

Security Corner

Officer of the Month

The New Community Security Department proudly announces the selection of Security Officer Cleveland Smith, as "Officer of the Month," for October, 1987.

The selection of S/O Smith is one whose time has come. The native North Carolinian, and former member of the United States Marine Corps, has never wavered in his loyalty and dedication to duty since joining NCC Security on March 2, 1982. His devotion to duty and job performance while a young rookie walking the New Community housing complex during his earlier years, has become legendary.

As a result, S/O Smith has earned the respect of both his fellow officers and sergeants. Sergeants William Cameron and Bernard Holloway, made the following comment: "Security Officer Cleveland Smith is one of the finest officers we have ever had the pleasure of supervising." Both Sergeants went on to tell the story of how there were often times that they had to order S/O Smith to take his lunch breaks and the allotted two fifteen minute breaks during his daily tour of duty. He would walk

to sleep at night sometimes. Feeling very sad and depressed, I would call down to officer Smith any hour of the night and find him there. He would always calm me down by talking to me and telling me to open my bible and would give me the passages to read to ease my troubled mind and problems, and it always worked. One of his favorites is the 23rd Psalm."

Another tenant, Ms. Ruth Green said, "We all feel very safe at night because he always protects us by keeping out all the riff-raff and pays attention to his job at all times. We think the world of him. If anyone tries to move him they gotta come by us, we ain't letting him go."

In presenting S/O Smith with a plaque commemorating the occasion, Security Director James E. DuBose said "He is that 10% during war time who does the fighting on the battlefields...the man with the sure hands you give the ball to when you need that extra yardage...the individual when ordered to jump, who asks how high." It is an honor to have a man of the calibre of S/O Smith, who is held in such high esteem by the community he so proudly serves, in



S/O Smith receives congratulations from Peggy Owens and Sgt. Cameron.

continually, non-stop, sunshine, rain, sleet or snow, for the entire eight hours of his tour. S/O Smith stated that his zealousness and attitude toward his job is reflective of the U.S. Marine Corps training he received during his early days in bootcamp on Parris Island, South Carolina.

Security Officer Smith is presently assigned to the New Community Gardens Senior Building, 265 Morris Avenue, where he has worked most of his five and a half years, on the 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. tour of duty. Ms. Peggy Owens, tenant president at NC Gardens said of him that "he is a very conscientious and excellent officer." Another tenant, Mrs. Helen Martin, stated "I have trouble trying

our ranks.

The NCC Security Department congratulates S/O Cleveland Smith on his achievement.

Former S/O Oscar Duran Promoted

Former Security Officer, Oscar Duran was recently promoted to the position of Claims Clerk in New Community Corporation. Duran began his new job on Monday, October 19, 1987.

At a farewell party given in his honor by Director of Security, James E. DuBose and Associate Director, Otis Rhynes, at the Security Base Station, the former security officer said sincerely, "I would first like to thank Sister Mary Joan, a nun at St. Rose of Lima Rectory, for recommen-



Oscar Duran shares his farewell cake with fellow security officers.

ding that I seek a position with security. Secondly, I thank Director DuBose and Mr. Rhynes for giving me a chance to reach my goal. I learned a lot while a security officer, for it gave me an opportunity to plant my feet firmly on solid ground. Last but not least is a message to my former colleagues — I believe that if you struggle hard enough to reach the light at the end of the tunnel, you will always find what you are looking for." Duran ended his statement by reflecting, "I really enjoyed working as a Security Officer."

Mr. Duran enrolled in the American Business Institute (ABI) on Broad Street, Newark, shortly after joining NCC Security on September 9, 1986. He attended school full time at night majoring in accounting, while holding down a full time position as a security officer, assigned to St. Joseph Plaza, on the 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. tour of duty.

After graduating from the A.B.I. he plans to enroll in the New Brunswick, N.J., Campus of Rutgers University. There, he plans to continue his education in accounting and one day hopes to become a Certified Public Accountant. He is happy that New Community Corporation is giving him this opportunity to apply his knowledge and to grow with the company.

Director DuBose and Director Rhynes found S/O Duran to be an extremely loyal and dedicated man who possessed poise and maturity beyond his chronological age. "He definitely

had a bright future with security, but we are happy and proud of his achievement and on behalf of the Department of Security, we wish him the very best in his new career," said the directors.

S/O Littlejohn Passes

On Saturday, October 24, 1987, Security Officer Miles Littlejohn, age 61, a veteran of the Korean War, was buried in Fairmount Cemetery, Newark.

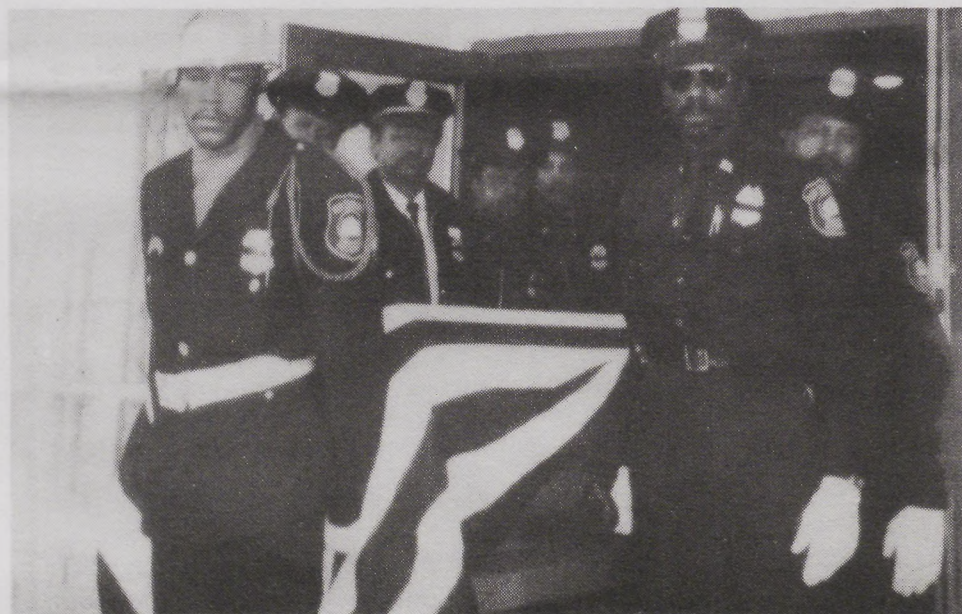
S/O Littlejohn, who passed away suddenly on Sunday, October 18th, was given a full military styled burial. Performing the honor were members of the New Community Security Honor Guard, Commanded by Sergeant John Jackson. The gravesite ceremony was concluded with blowing of taps by Police Officer Kevin Moore of the Newark Police Department.

The NCC Honor Guard, at the request of the family, stood guard over his bier during the viewing.

Littlejohn, a widower, worked a number of years in NCC Commons Senior building at 140 So. Orange Avenue. The tenant leader Mrs. Viola Walker gave a very moving eulogy during funeral services at the parlor.

Security Officer Littlejohn was selected officer of the month for April 1987 (see May edition of Clarion).

A very large reception was hosted by the residents in the community room of NCC Commons Senior, 140 So. Orange Ave. following the funeral.



Guard of Honor and Pallbearers, led by (L&R) S/O Fard and S/O Tillary, carry the flag draped coffin of S/O Littlejohn to its final resting place.

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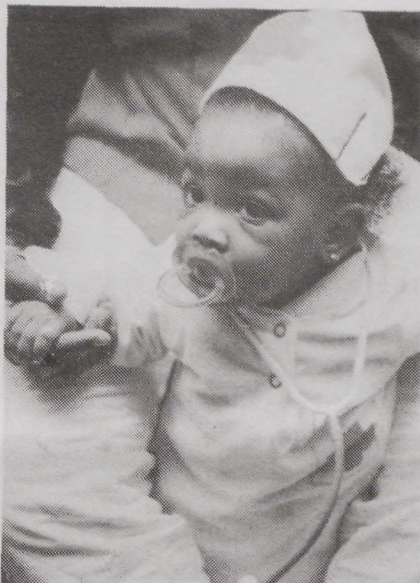
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Vampiress Erica Smith, (L-R) giant bear Dan Fabrizzio, the cruellest witch Emily Ross, and Ninja Harvey Garvin make a strange foursome.



The youngest nurse.



Babylanders (III) party the afternoon away.



Two witches at Extended Care busily stir the brew.



Laverne Parish clowns around a scary Medical Day Care gorilla participant.



Babylanders (I) take their morning stroll in outlandish disguises.



"Taco Man" Wilson, French painter Ramos, and Amish farmer Proctor get into the act.



The littlest cowboy.



Mrs. Marshall's first graders sport an impressive display of original costumes.



Newton Street School staffers go all out for Halloween.



Extended Care Facility employees await judging in their costume contest.

FOOT FACTS:

Healthy Shoes For Healthy Feet

Office Hours at St. Joseph's Plaza
9 - 12 Mon.

9 - 12 every 2nd & 4th Sat.

Finding Cinderella's Slipper

The best rule of thumb (or toe) when buying shoes is this — chances are that the shoe that's most comfortable to wear is the one that fits the best.

Feet tend to swell during the day, so it's best to shop for shoes in the afternoon. Try on BOTH SHOES, take a several-minute test walk in the store, and buy for the longer, larger foot. Stay away from shoes that need a break-in period.

More shoe-buying tips:

- Shoe soles should be flexible, to move when the foot moves. A thick sole softens the blow of pounding pressure when you walk on hard surfaces like concrete and a corrugated sole will "grip" slippery surfaces.

- The shoe heel should fit snugly. (If it doesn't, try a heel liner that attaches around the inside of the shoe). The instep should not gape open, and there should be ¼" to ½" of room between the tip of your longest toe and the tip of the shoe toe.

- For long-lasting comfort, keep shoes clean and in good repair. Don't

Dr. Kenneth
Frank

Podiatrist



let heels wear down or you may throw your feet off balance and create strain.

- Feet are as different as people. Don't ever wear hand-me-down shoes.

A comfortable shoe can't prevent foot problems, but it can help keep some foot ailments from occurring. So, take your time when you shop for shoes, and keep on looking until you find the shoe with the best fit.

The Sporting Foot

An active sports program puts added strain on feet, so comfortable, supportive shoes are essential, as are cushioning devices that help ease pressure on feet. Keep feet clean, dry, well-protected, and check for rub spots. Watch for ailments which are specific to certain kinds of sports, like tennis toe, jogger's knee, ankle problems that can come from skating or skiing. Elasticized supports for ankles may help keep you more comfortable.

Extended Care Residents Keep Active



A great horned owl visiting from Turtle Back Zoo entertains Extended Care Facility residents.



Denise Baker (R) helps Extended care resident Arcelia Strickland with her purchases during a Care Apparel sales presentation.

Yes We Can

Ruby Marshall of Douglas Homes thinks that senior life is wonderful. If anyone believes that all the mature adults do is sit around and watch TV or each other, Ms. Marshall would dispute that. "Yes, we can," she would reply to anyone who spoke negatively about senior life.

Some worthwhile events are occasions for bringing out talents and developing new interests. The Fashion Show at PSE&G park proved that dressing up is not limited to the young. Some of our lovely ladies from the senior buildings modeled their clothes in front of an appreciative and supportive audience of their peers.

The Senior Citizens' Dinner Dance at Town and Campus, given by the Archbishop Boland Rehabilitation

and Training Center was an evening of fun for all, especially the blind. Letting themselves go to the rhythm of the music proved for them that a good time is still possible.

Get outside of your apartment and participate in the programs offered, Ms. Marshall suggests. She recommends Adult Day Care for those who have difficulty getting about by themselves. An active person, herself, Ms. Marshall found Day Care had much to offer her when she went there only to assist Louise Edwards, a blind friend. Now, Ms. Marshall and Ms. Edwards are busy with all kinds of workshops and thoroughly enjoying it. "Let your senior years be your best years." Keep active and you'll keep happy.

For information on the Day Care Center contact Social Services.

Douglass-Harrison Resident Stands Out

A Douglass-Harrison resident was chosen by the City of Newark as Employee of the Month recently.

Larry Johnson was singled out not only because of his exemplary employee record as senior mail clerk at the Division of Office Services, but for his work as a volunteer at the Newark Extended Care Facility.

Mr. Johnson spends 6 days a week after work helping feed seniors who cannot feed themselves, as well as be-

ing companion and listener to the lonely in the facility. The positive appreciation he receives encourages the frequent visits.

Mr. Johnson says his inspiration is the Koran and volunteer work gives him a good feeling about himself.

The award winner is a native of Newark and a graduate of Malcolm X Shabazz High School.

We at New Community congratulate him on this well deserved award.

NC Manor Families

In last month's *Clarion* Mrs. Lottie Usry was overlooked in mentioning those who have done so much for Manor Families. She has been a vital member of our staff in so many ways and we thank her.

Manor Family Tenants Association staff sponsored a scrumptious dinner sale. The menu was pepper steak, fish dinners, and side orders of macaroni and cheese, collard greens, string beans and delicious cakes and pies. Of course the end was victory! A successful dinner! "Mui Bueno" to the cooks.

Last but not least, congratulations are in order for our Supermarket. Board of Adjustment approval came

on October 14, 1987 at City Hall. It's full speed ahead. Alright! A special thanks to Mrs. Georgia Ransome, NCC's leader of the fight against Crime and Drug Abuse in our Community and NCC's Publicity Manager.

I would like to thank those who came out and supported the demonstration in favor of our Supermarket.

Hats off to 225 Manor Family Association staff! Remember, united we stand, divided we fall!

God bless each and every family in NCC.

Ms. Delores Johnson

233 W. Market Street

at

Newark, N.J. 07103



Join us for a relaxing musical interlude with
"Thursday Night Showcase"

Featuring N.C.C.E.

a New Community Creative Ensemble

in the atrium beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Buffet until 8:00 p.m.

Cash Bar

Foster Grandparent Program Begins

The children in "Ernie's Room" and "Burt's Room" at Babyland III have someone new hugging, holding and playing with them now...the some-ones are their new Foster Grandparents, Theodora Woolridge and Opal Wesley. The NJ Foster Grandparent Program is funded by the Federal Volunteer Agency, ACTION and the State of New Jersey. Jayne R. Bidgood of the NJ Foster Grandparent Program is the Community Supervisor for our Foster Grandparent program which was initiated by the Social Services Department of NCC.

Persons 60 and over in good health who have love and time to offer, and meet certain income guidelines are eligible to become foster grandparents. They serve 4 hours daily 5 days a week and receive a tax free stipend and travel reimbursement.

Social Services Human Resource Manager, Mowbrey McKinley who serves as the liaison between NCC and the Foster Grandparent program asked Mrs. Woolridge why with having had 5 children and 9 of her own grandchildren, did she decide to become a foster grandparent. Mrs. Woolridge replied that she enjoys working with babies and that the job, which she finds non-strenuous, "gets her out of the house" and she loves the involvement. She enjoys singing out to the infants who move around and dance and she loves to watch them. Theodora Woolridge has been a Newark resident for 52 years.

Mrs. Wesley of Associates is 85 years young and loves to sit in the big rocking chair to rock and hold all of her foster grandchildren. "Grandma Wesley" does not have any children of her own, loves children and enjoys playing with and holding her new "grandchildren." She is a life-long

resident of Newark and walks to work every day as she lives close to Babyland III.

The NJ Foster Grandparent Program has been in existence for 2 years. Mrs. Bidgood stated that the Foster Grandparent Program provides dual benefits. The "grandparents" besides supplementary in-



Jayne Bidgood watches approvingly as Theodora Woolridge feeds Frederick Cooper his lunch.

come, gain a new lease on life through a renewed sense of purpose and usefulness, the satisfaction of being once more needed. The children receive benefits that only a one to one continuing relationship with an adult can provide. They open up psychologically and develop more rapidly with this encouragement and motivation.

We welcome NCC's first Foster Grandparents, Theodora Woolridge and Opal Wesley.



Israel Freedman nestles in foster-grandma Opal Wesley's arms.

Letter To The Editor:

In Appreciation

At this time, I would like to thank the board members of 225 Hunterdon Street on the beautiful job they did with the Summer Program spending their free time to make sure our kids had a nice summer.

I could never thank them enough, not just for the Summer Program but for making our building a better place to live. Thank you!

Robin Goosby

Focus On Elsie Best

Elsie Best is the new Director of the Community Focal Point Agency in Newark's Central Ward. This agency provides information on local Senior Citizen's Clubs and Centers, Nutrition Sites, and other programs. Community Focal Point Agencies schedule open, public meetings on a regular basis to exchange information and coordinate services to older adults. We are looking forward to services to Newark Seniors taking the Best direction.

Colgate Gives Two Gifts In One

An invitation to come pick up supplies from a soon-to-close Colgate warehouse in Liberty State Park sent Mrs. Joyce Cook and Sister Kathleen of Social Services on their way to collect whatever the van would hold. Enthusiasm waned momentarily when we arrived and realized that the cartons were too heavy for us to transfer from the platform to the van.

It was a situation somewhat akin to the story of the group of frustrated and unhappy people seated around a table with a huge pot of soup on it, but unable to bring the soup from the pot to their mouths because they had to use long-handled ladles which were about an arm's length. There they sat hungry in the midst of plenty. Thus the parallel. Everything was there for us, too, but we just couldn't get it into the van. However, both stories have a brighter side.

In the story that is told there are people in another room seated around the same size pot with the same size ladles, but they are enjoying the soup and conversing with each other. These people were dipping into the pot and reaching across to feed each other. The happy version of our situation came about through the Liberty Park Group Center. This is an alternative to incarceration for juveniles (15-17). It is a day program run by the bureau of Juvenile Services of the Department of Corrections in conjunction with the Hudson County Office of Criminal Justice Planning. A friendly gentleman named Joe Tyson, the supervisor, accompanied by two willing and hard-working young men offered their services and tightly packed the van with soap, toothpaste, and other welcome items.

Both the service rendered and the manner of assistance impressed us. We stopped at the trailer to meet the other participants who were involved in a cooking class that created delicious aromas. Not only were we grateful for what Colgate had given us but we were delighted to hear of this worthwhile program. Their non-traditional education model utilizes apprenticeships in vocational training and personal socialization experiences for juveniles with special learning problems or needs. Retired and currently employed craftsmen, artisans and tradesmen — cabinet makers, electricians, food service workers, maintenance personnel, etc. — are matched to juveniles with similar interests. We left there with the intention of meeting these people again at New Community where we would like them to tell their story.

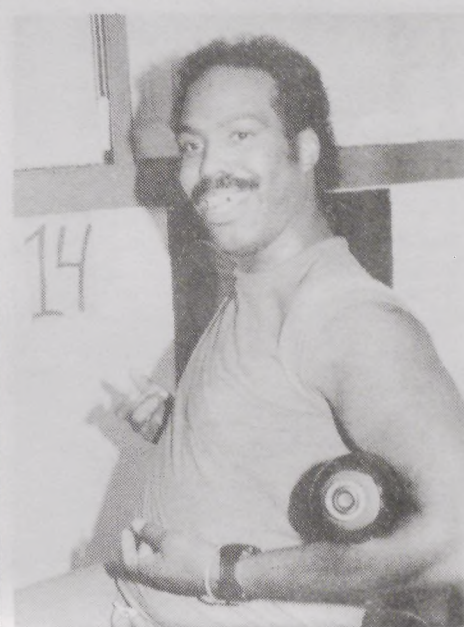
Back at social services it was our turn to do the sharing. Here we bagged items which would express gratitude in some small way to those who share themselves in service to the community: the Advisory Board, Floor Captains, and Family Workers. NCC Extended Care, the NCC Youth Department and St. Rose School were among others who benefitted from the gift.

The way of sharing is a beautiful way. It puts all in touch with the beauty of life. NCC is grateful to all those who share with us and enable us to share with others.

Spa Weight Loss Winner

Charles Atkinson has been a member of New Beginnings Spa since July. He has made improvements in both the area of weight loss and aerobic fitness. Charles found out about New Beginnings from his sister after seeing an ad in the Star Ledger. "She knew I was totally disgusted with my physical being, my eating habits, and my health. At that time I was 284 pounds at six feet five inches and worked on my feet six days a week, which started to cause health problems."

His first workout at the Spa was a consultation with Keith McCain. Mr. McCain after going over Charles'



Charles Atkinson

health history designed a program for him which was a ten minute warmup on the bike and several pieces of Nautilus equipment. "I found this very difficult to do at that time. I could only do five repetitions, and half the circuit" he revealed. Now he's on the bike and able to do one-half hour on the treadmill and one-half hour and three sets of fifteen repetitions on all of the exercise equipment.

Mr. Atkinson was told to gradually work his way into the waist, abdomen, hip, and thigh class which are his main areas of concentration. "This class has been fantastic for me — five days a week at 12:30 p.m.," says Charles. "Now I've even added a forty-five minute Aerobic workout in the evenings."

As a result of the New Beginnings programs Mr. Atkinson's waist size which was 48½ inches in July now measures 38 inches and his weight has come down to two hundred forty-four pounds.

"After winning the weight loss contest in September, I no longer have to hear the fat jokes," Charles says exuberantly. "I can find clothes to fit too."

The Staff at New Beginnings Spa says consistency is the truest test of strength. Now Charles says he feels like a fitness consultant after all of the professional help he has received from the Staff. "New Beginnings Spa is truly the best workout in the City," he declares.

Mr. Atkinson sends his wholehearted thanks to the entire New Beginnings Staff for their marvelous help.

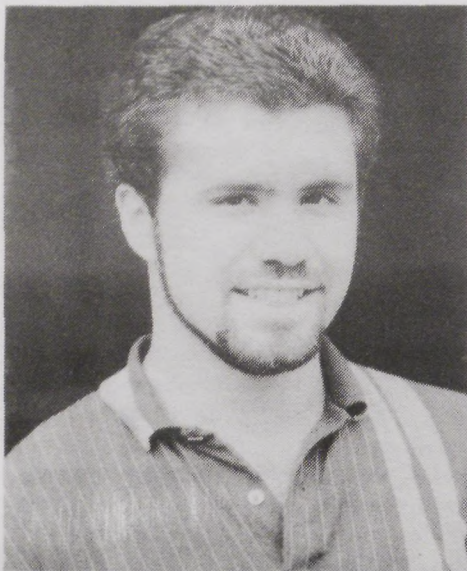
At Your (Social) Service

by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

Jesuit Volunteer For Youth

In response to a resource request of the Social Services Department to Jesuit Volunteer East Corps, we have received a volunteer for our After-School Program.

Thomas (Thom) Mannard, a Jesuit Volunteer from the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) East is a 1987 graduate from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he majored in political science. Upon graduating Thom felt that he did not yet want to be involved with the corporate or political world. He felt that since he was only 23, this was the



Thomas Mannard

best time in his life to make a contribution to society.

After reviewing several volunteer agencies he decided on JVC:East of Philadelphia, PA. One of the reasons he was drawn to JVC is because their work is based in the U.S. not abroad, and he wanted to help in his own country. He was also attracted to the Jesuit spiritual life. He selected JVC:East because he wanted to be on the East Coast after being in the Chicago area for so long.

Thom also knew he wanted to work with children. He is a strong athlete, has a tutoring background and realizes the importance of positive childhood experiences.

He selected NCC because he heard and read that it is a shining light in an area that has seen its days of darkness. Thom stated "too bad there aren't more NCC's."

Thom can be seen at the After School Program tutoring children or coordinating and supervising recreational activities in his role as Coordinator of Educational/Recreational programs. He works along with Eladio Negrón and Robbyn Chambers, Youth Program Coordinators.

Lots of Luck during your one year tenure Thom and thanks for selecting NCC.

Senior Activity Calendar

Saturday, November 7 — Babyland Fashion Show at St. Rose of Lima — 1:00 p.m. Tickets \$5.00 Adult, \$3.00 children.

Monday, November 9 — Breakfast at St. Joseph Plaza (Senior Discount) — 9:00 a.m.

Monday, November 9 — Grand Opening Ceremony at NC Commons Library at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Tuesday, November 10 — Seniors Advisory Board at NC Gardens 1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11 — Veterans' Day

Saturday, November 14 — Trip - Renault Winery Tour and Tasting in Egg Harbor, New Jersey - 8:00 a.m. Cost - \$3.00.

Sunday, November 15 — Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by Mother Ida Fletcher at "20 Grand" - 1:00 p.m. Complimentary Dinner (Free).

Thursday, November 19 — Nutrition Site Celebrates November Birthdayites - 12:00 Noon at NC Associates.

Friday, November 20 — Trip - Hudson Mall - 9:00 a.m. Cost 50¢

Saturday, November 21 — Essex Green Cinema - 11:00 a.m. Cost \$3.50

Thursday, November 26 — Thanksgiving Day

Monday, November 30 — Brown Bag Day

REMINDERS:

—Christmas Show is December 11th - Cost - \$36.00 (including transportation, lunch, and show). Payments due November 6th.

—Hot lunches served daily at 180 South Orange Avenue. 50¢ donation.

—Spring Trip to Poconos getting closer...April 13th to 15th...3 days and 2 nights. Meals, room, transportation and activities all for \$140.00 each per double occupancy. Start paying now.

—For further information or trip information contact Joyce Cook, Social Services - 623-6299 or 523-6114.

An NCC Family Blessing For Thanksgiving

Our heavenly Father, we thank you for the food before us, the roof above us and for this New Community family. Help us to remember that a family is for growing up, for going away from and for coming back to. It is for loving concern, for helping each other through happy times, and sadly, the departing of those dear to us.

With your blessing, this special family will always be together in our hearts and in our memories, giving each of us the strength to live our own lives and to be our own persons, as we grow with New Community.

Amen.

Joyce Cook

Home Friends Celebrate 3rd Anniversary

New Community Home Friends Program recently celebrated its third anniversary with a gala luncheon.

This fine program provides initial and in-service training for people who go on to provide assistance to the frail elderly and disabled with light housekeeping, laundry, shopping, and meal preparation. There is little

provides service to 300 people.

Service providers can not be trained quickly enough to keep up with demand for their services. To date there are 22 elderly women and men in Newark's Central Ward, and 24 in the North Ward who need service. Right here in New Community, there are 38 residents looking for a new



Home Friends interrupt their luncheon for a group portrait.

or not cost to clients who qualify, thanks to County and New Community sponsorship.

Home Friend.

At present there are 12 Home Friends serving 72 New Community residents. Gloria Chambers coordinates this aspect of the program, Home Friends I. Elsie Best who coordinates the Home Friends II Program in the area surrounding New Community works with 50 women who

As funding increases and this service becomes more readily available, not only will older and disabled people have some of their immediate needs met in a friendly way, the services will also help shorten their hospital stays and preserve their independent or semi-independent lifestyles.



Guests choose among a huge selection of delicacies.

NCC Families Chorus

NCC Families Chorus initiated by family social worker, Lorraine Woolridge had its first practice on Thursday, October 9, 1987.

The chorus was divided into two groups, the junior choir and the adult choir.

The chorus was organized and conducted by two dynamic persons in the

field; Dr. Eric Womack, Minister of Music and Mother Lawrence of NC Associates. We are so grateful to them for sharing their time and expertise with us. We know that we will be hearing a lot from this newly organized chorus.

Practice will be held every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. sharp at 180 South Orange Avenue.

Outstanding Students

The New Community After School Program recognized three students in the month of September as Outstanding Students of the Month.

They are Shanee Dozier who is a second grader at Louise A. Spencer School, Terra Leslie, a third grader at Newton Street School and Shawn

Wright a fifth grader at Newton Street School.

Congratulations to all these students for their outstanding performance and keep up the good work!

Thom Mannard

After School Program Coordinator

Crocheting Smiles Of Friendship

Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. you will find a group of 11 ladies busily crocheting leg warmers, thermal caps, lap robes and shawls. This group is very creative and takes pride in their work. What makes these ladies so special is the fact that they make all these items to be given out to the homeless, sick and elderly who have no relatives.

The 140 Good Leaders Club ap-

the homeless, Giant Step Learning Center, Inc., East Orange Coop Day Care Center, and many other organizations.

The 140 Good Leaders Club members are New Community seniors who reside at NC Commons, 140 So. Orange Avenue, all of whom despite their own handicaps are very active in the building and are seldom found idle. They are: Ms. Lottie



"140 Good Leaders Club" members exhibit their impressive handmade wares.

proached the RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program), and said they wanted to do something for someone. They had the time and talent and wanted to share. The RSVP gave them a list of items they might make and the ladies eagerly began, and worked at such a fast pace it astonished the coordinators who collected the items for distribution.

Many people were made cheerful and tearful upon receipt of these gifts especially for them. Items have been given "The Lighthouse," a shelter for

Johnson; Ms. Julia James; Ms. Beulah Johnson; Ms. Gussie Higgins; Ms. Euzera Baskerville; Ms. Dorothy Harris; Ms. Beatrice Baldwin; Ms. Irene Cair; Ms. Bertha Darden and the lady who coordinated the group Ms. Louise Walker, who says, "They have made smiles and smiles of lasting friendships."

Thank you 140 Good Leaders for such a lovely example of the meaning of sharing and caring...a good reminder to us all during this coming holiday season.

30 Years Serving The Aging

The New Jersey State Division on Aging is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. (See accompanying article.) On November 12, a gala celebration will mark the occasion.

Among the features of the day will be a series of awards to individuals and agencies in recognition of outstanding service in areas concerned with the elderly of the state.

With pride and enthusiasm, Sr. Anastasia Hearne, Director of New Community Social Services, recommended Msgr. William Linder for the Commissioner's Award for Creative Solutions to Problems of the Elderly by a Local Agency; and Elsie Best, Coordinator of New Community's Home Friends II Program, and Gloria Chambers, Coordinator of New Community's Home Friends I Program for awards for Outstanding Achievement in Developing Programs for the Elderly.

Whether or not the Director of the New Jersey Division on Aging responds to these nominations with awards, each of these nominees deserves a Gold Medal for outstanding service to the elderly. "It takes one to know one," the old saying goes.

Equally deserving of recognition for unflagging interest, tireless direct service, and creative and persistent advocacy in behalf of the elderly, not

only in New Community (particularly Gardens Seniors where she is Social Services worker), but around the state, is Sr. Anastasia who nominated Msgr. Linder, Elsie Best and Gloria Chambers.

Happy 30th Anniversary

1987 marks the 30th Anniversary of the New Jersey Commission on Aging.

New Jersey was the first state in the United States to create a special agency to serve its older population. In 1957 the State Legislature realized that "there are no 'answers' to the complex question of human aging, and the '...search for answers and the development of programs for the aging based on these answers must be a continuous process.'"

The responsibilities of the Division of Aging include planning and policy development in: home health and community care; older workers' issues; intergenerational programming; mid-life planning; housing and living environments; legislation affecting the elderly; education for older adults; mental health and alcoholism; and long-term care insurance.

The Division supervises a statewide network of County Offices on Aging.

World Food Day

Every time we go shopping, items into our carts which usually are purchased because they were "on sale," "new items," or "looked good." Many times these commodities wind up in the cupboards pushed to the rear and are forgotten. So often we take our good fortune for granted.

Oct. 16th was designated as World Food Day and New Community wanted to share with others by opening up its cupboards and pulling out canned goods and other non-perishable food items for distribution to the hungry and homeless. Everyone pitched in and donations came from families, seniors, the New Beginning Spa and St. Rose of Lima's School children.

The food was collected at NC Manor, 545 Orange Street where it was sorted and 36 bags of goodies were packed. Each package consisted of vegetables, pasta, dessert, drinks, candy, soaps and other assorted items. It was heart-warming to see the response and the happy faces of those who gave.

On Friday, Oct. 16th at 10 o'clock, the homeless people from the Roseville - Orange St. area were invited to NC Manor, where they were shown into the community room for hot chocolate and cookies.

Our invited guests were very surprised and most thankful for the invitation. As each one left they received a bag of goodies. One young lady was very excited and felt as if she had received a bag of gold, as she informed us today was her birthday. A Mr. Edwards, whose niece bought him in was a pleasant elderly fellow, who was not going to come but felt good for having done so, because he was recently burned out and needed some assistance in relocation, and other matters, which our social worker was happy to help him with.

It made everyone feel good to see that we were able to help our neighbors. No matter how little you may think you have there is always someone else who has less.

World Food Day is only one day on the calendar but there are people who are hungry everyday. It would be so easy to collect all your unused canned goods, put them in a bag, and give them to someone you have seen looking through a garbage can or warming by an outdoor fire. Just a little can help a lot.

Thank you to all who participated and don't let it stop there. Reach out and touch someone with your generosity.



Joyce Cook (R) hands a food parcel to an appreciative guest.

Youth Department Notes

November 14, 1987 - NCC's Drill Team, and Double Dutch girls will be in competition with "Plainfield Jam Steppers," along with several other groups throughout the country as they meet in Plainfield.

November 24, 1987 - Drug Prevention presentation by guest speaker Detective John Good at 220 Bruce Street, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

NCC Gospel Choir practices every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. under the direction of Dr. Eric Womack and Mother Lawrence. All are welcome. The more the merrier.

Girls Basketball Team - If you are a girl between 12-18 years of age and want to join NCC's Youth Basketball

Team, call the Youth Office and ask for Robbyn Chambers (623-6114).

Youths Enjoy Thunder Cats

On October 9, 1987 NCC's Youth Department enjoyed a night in New York City. The highlight of our evening was a visit to Madison Square Garden where we saw the exciting play "Thunder Cats." In addition to Thundercats we were entertained by Thundercat's friends, the Street Frogs, Karate Kids, Gumby and Pokey. The trip ended with a special surprise snack donated by Social Service's Joyce Cook.

The trip was an overall success and our next trip to the "Big Apple" will be November 21, 1987 to see the New York Nets v.s. The Boston Celtics.

Robbyn Chambers

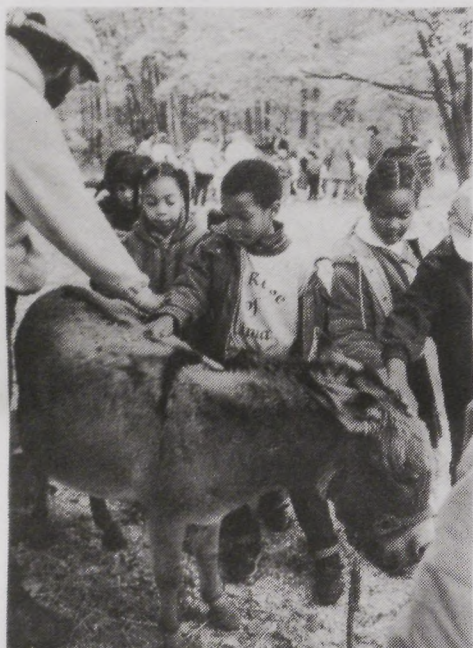
State of New Jersey
Department of Community Affairs
Division on Aging
363 West State Street
CN 807
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0807

Essex County Division on Aging
15 South Munn Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey 07108

Each of these determines the need for services in the particular county, and proposes plans for coordination and administration of existing services, and expansion of needed services and programs.

If you wish to congratulate these organizations, would like more information, or need services, their addresses are:

Students Visit Local Farm



A patient burro endures friendly pats.

St. Rose Re-Cycling For Choir Robes

This fall, St. Rose of Lima School began a re-cycling campaign of aluminum cans and newspapers to help defray the cost of new robes for both the Junior and Senior Choirs of St. Rose of Lima. Mr. Wilson, Principal of St. Rose of Lima School, came up with the idea of re-cycling newspapers and aluminum cans, because it offered very little effort and no out-of-the-pocket expense. Mr. Wilson is appealing to all agencies of our New Community, St. Rose's and Babyland network to assist in this effort. A simple call to the school at 481-5582 would suffice for an individual pick-up of the re-cycled items.

The new robes are being purchased in preparation for the 100th anniversary celebration of St. Rose of Lima Parish. The Junior choir under the direction of Mrs. Emily Ross, boasts membership of some fifty students in grades two to eight and several alumni of St. Rose of Lima School. The adult choir under the direction of Mr. Curtis Watkins has

twenty members.

After reviewing several suppliers, Mrs. Ross found a Newark company to her liking which promised to deliver the robes for both choirs well in advance of a December 6 deadline. It is at that time that the parish holds

its 99th anniversary mass, which officially starts the countdown to the 100th birthday.

The choir robes for the Junior Choir are red and white, while the adult choir members would receive sky and royal blue vestments.



Afloat in a sea of cans and newspapers, recyclers (L-R) Reynaldo Jackman, Keron Williams, Michael Thomas, Elena Marponet and advisor Emily Ross organize their material.



Lunch in the woods tastes twice as good.



Hayriding through rough terrain amid squeals and laughter.

Anniversary Year Program Set

A steering committee has been working for months designing a year's program that is planned to involve and to appeal to everyone. The events begin with an Opening Liturgy, 11:00 a.m. on December 6, 1987 and close with another liturgy on December 4, 1988. Between those dates, Saint Rose will acknowledge its multi ethnic background with an International Night on January 22, stage an Academic Fair to let everyone know the accomplishments of its present school students on February 4 and 5, invite all past and present parishioners to a Prayer Sharing on February 19, conduct an

Evangelizing - Spreading the Good News Program on March 20 and 21, acknowledge Saint Rose's coming generations with a Children's Day on May 13, welcome everyone to a Homecoming Weekend next May 20 and 21, and remember deceased parishioners on November 8.

An impossible ideal would be to have all of our known friends present at every event. Instead, we will look forward to seeing you at any event you can make.

It would be wonderful to fill the church for the Opening Liturgy on December 6th.

Sister Dolores Russo, SCH

Thanksgiving

"One of Them...Healed, Returned... Giving Him Thanks."

Luke 17:15,16.

Thanksgiving Day, a day set aside the fourth Thursday of November each year, people give thanks and prayers for the blessings they may have received during the year. For some people it is a family day celebrated with merry unions of family members and friends, with succulent food and ardent drink. For other people it is a day for revelry.

Although the year has been trying for some people with illness, debt, unemployment, and death in the family, there is always something left for which we can be thankful. There is a story told about two men and a twelve ounce glass containing but six ounces of a liquid. One man said the glass was half empty; the other, said it was half full. We can be a pessimist about life and dwell on its misery, or we can be an optimist and count our blessings.

This is not to ignore the fact that many of us have great suffering but ever mindful should we be that it is not the pain that affects our lives so much as it is how we react to it. Everybody has some sort of difficulty; everybody has some kind of a problem, nevertheless, those who are spiritually strong sometimes do their best under a handicap. Harriet Tubman, having been struck a severe blow to her head, suffered fainting spells, yet she led hundreds of captives over dangerous and rugged terrain to freedom. Beethoven, who was deaf, composed beautiful harmonies for other people's ears; John Milton, the poet, peeped into paradise through blinded eyes; David was at his best in the Twenty-third Psalm, passing through the valley and shadow of death crying out "I will fear no evil for Thou art with me..." Paul declared to the Corinthians: "I glory in my infirmity. I have a thorn in the flesh."

Adversity may be a blessing in

disguise. There is a story about a fisherman who lived in a simple little cottage by the sea with his wife and two sons. Every morning the fisherman and his two sons would row out into the ocean to catch fish, but one day they became unmindful of the time and the sun went down on them and they didn't know which way to go to reach home. Suddenly off in the distance one of the boys saw a brilliant glow bringing a bright light from the shore. The fisherman and his two sons rowed toward it and safety. They were home. Stepping onto land, they found the fisherman's wife uncontrollably crying: "everything's gone, the cottage burned to the ground." Replied the fisherman, "not everything; we are here, safe. The fire that consumed our house saved our lives." A blessing in disguise!

"Ye fearful saint, fresh courage take. The clouds you so much dread are big with mercy and may break with blessings on your head."

When we count our blessings, we find that there are things for which we may be thankful. First, we can be thankful that we are alive to live this day with strength to bear the day's load sheltered and secured under His direction. Second, we can be thankful that we have food on our tables and a roof over our heads, for there are so many unfortunate people who are hungry and homeless. Next, we can be thankful that we live in a country of laws, with a democratic form of government where the rights of the individual are of concern, and where we can seek redress for our injury. Among the many other things that we can be thankful for this Thanksgiving Day, let us not forget to give thanks to God for all the blessings that He has bestowed upon us, and for giving to us His only begotten Son that we might have life everlasting.

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